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SUBJECT: BATTING DOWN ERRONEOUS PRESS COVERAGE OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE VNAF/KAF AIRCRAFT

REF: A. BANGKOK 8353; B. BANGKOK FBIS 090740; C. BANGKOK 8476

1. REFTEL A CONTAINS MY REPORT ON MY MAY 8 CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI ON THE RESIDUAL TITLE TO VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN MAP EQUIPMENT. REF B CONTAINS A DISTORTED AND INACCURATE STORY IN THE NATION OF MAY 9 WHICH RESULTED FROM AN OBVIOUS FOREIGN MINISTRY ATTEMPT TO PAINT MY CALL AS A THREAT THAT THAI RESISTANCE ON THE AIRCRAFT ISSUE WOULD RESULT IN REDUCED AID TO THAILAND. SIMILAR STORIES APPEARED IN PRACHATHIPATAI AND PRACHACHAT.

2. I CALLED MFA UNDER SECRETARY PHAEN WANNAMETHI AND STRONGLY URGED THAT MFA TAKE STEPS TO REFUTE THE ERRONEOUS STORIES. OTHERWISE, I WOULD DO SO MYSELF. REF C CONTAINS THE TEXT OF CHATCHAI'S PRESS CONFERENCE SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT. IT IS TOO EARLY FOR CHATCHAI'S REMARKS TO HAVE

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